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On Saturday, Governor Jon Bell Edwards modified his current phase 2 orders to add masking as a State mandate. Specifically, Governor Edwards in order La R.S. 29:721 noted "Every individual in Louisiana shall wear a face covering over the nose and mouth when inside a commercial establishment or any other building or space open to the public, whether indoor or outdoor."

The order requires face coverings for everyone ages 8 and older except for the following:

- Any individual who will not come in contact with any other individual (outside of their immediate household members) or who will be able to maintain strict social distancing of six feet apart from any other individual
- Anyone who has a medical condition that prevents the wearing of a face covering
- Anyone who is consuming a drink or food
- Anyone who is trying to communicate with a person who is hearing impaired
- Anyone who is giving a speech for broadcast or to an audience
- Anyone temporarily removing his or her face covering for identification purpose

For employees working in non-clinical areas, we encourage cloth mask to conserve the supply of disposable mask for clinical areas. Cloth mask should be washed daily. For those who do not have cloth mask, mask will be supplied. If your area does not have an adequate supply of mask, please contact Gina McAndrew at ext. 7725.

If you work in a single occupancy office, a mask is not required when alone and the door is closed. In shared offices, mask should be worn continuously.